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May 23, 1911.

Dr. A. SMITH WOODWARD, F.R.S., Vice-President, in the Chair.

THE SECRETARY read the following report on the additions made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April, 1911:---

The number of registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April last was 274. Of these 75 were acquired by presentation, 147 by purchase, 34 were received on deposit, 5 in exchange, and 13 were born in the Gardens.

The number of departures during the same period, by deaths and removals, was 169.

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2 Australian Bee-eaters (*Merops ornatus*), from New South Wales, new to the Collection, purchased on April 30th.

2 Woodhouse's Jays (*Aphelocoma woodhousei*), from North America, and 3 Pigmy Ground-Doves (*Chamæpelia minuta*), from South America, new to the Collection, received in exchange on April 1st.

2 Sharpe's Wood-Owls (Syrnium nuchale), 1 Fraser's Eagle-Owl (Bubo poënsis), 1 Beautiful Wood-Hawk (Dryotriorchis spectabilis), and 1 One-streaked Hawk (Melierax monogrammicus), from Dunkwa, Gold Coast, presented by Dr. H. G. F. Spurrell to H.M. THE KING'S African Collection, on April 2nd.

4 Gigantic Salamanders (*Megalobatrachus maximus*), from Japan, purchased on April 28th.

The Rev. A. MILES Moss, M.A., F.Z.S., F.E.S., gave a short account of his memoir on the Sphingidæ of Peru, based on studies of Lepidoptera, with special reference to the larvæ, which he had made during a three years' residence at Lima.

This paper will be published in the 'Transactions' in due course.

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PAPERS.

37. The Alcyonaria of the Cape of Good Hope and Natal.-GORGONACEA. By J. STUART THOMSON, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., F.L.S., Lecturer and Senior Demonstrator in Zoology, University of Manchester *.

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(Plates XLIII.-XLV.⁺ and Text-figure 167.)

The Alcyonaria here reported on were collected during the years 1898 to 1907, off the coasts of Cape Colony and Natal. In a previous paper ‡ I dealt with the Alcyonacea, and in the present report I confine myself to the Gorgonacea. This contribution is not, however, to be regarded as an exhaustive one, as, unfortunately, the specimens have come into my hands at different times. Professor Hickson has contributed two papers on South African Alcyonaria to the publication, 'Marine Investigations in South Africa,' and I have to thank him for allowing me to examine his type-specimens and microscopic slides of the spicules of various forms.

I have also to thank Professor J. D. F. Gilchrist, formerly Government Biologist at the Cape of Good Hope, who kindly entrusted these Alcyonarians to me for description.

In this paper, the following 19 species are described or recorded, of which 6 are new :---

Family BRIAREIDÆ.

Suberia capensis, sp. n., p. 871. Spongioderma verrucosum Möbius, p. 874.

Family MELITODIDÆ.

Melitodes esperi W. & S., p. 874. Melitodes nodosa W. & S., p. 876. Melitodes dichotoma Pall., p. 877.

Family ISIDÆ.

Ceratoisis ramosa Hickson, p. 877.

Family MURICEIDÆ.

Muriceides fusca, sp. n., p. 878. Acanthogorgia armata Verrill, p. 880.

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<sup>For explanation of the Plates see pp. 892-893.
t "The Alcyonaria of the Cape of Good Hope and Natal.—Alcyonacea" (with our plates). Trans. Roy. Society Edinburgh, vol. xlvii. part iii. (No. 19), 1910.</sup>



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